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Natural Resources Agency to Discuss Delta Smelt and Water Supply

To protect Delta smelt – a threatened fish species found only in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta – operators of the federal and state water projects that supply much of California have recently significantly curtailed pumping from the Delta. As a result, water deliveries to the 25 million people and three million acres of farmland that get at least a portion of their supplies from the Delta will be reduced this year. Project operators are consulting with federal and state wildlife agency regulators to find ways to minimize harm to Delta smelt. State officials will discuss the need for a new Delta diversion point to reduce harm to the threatened smelt.

WHAT:

News Conference and Media Call Regarding Delta Smelt and Water Supply Cutbacks

WHEN:

Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 10 a.m.

WHERE:

Resources Building
Room 1131, 11th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

PHONE:

Call-In Number: (800) 762-4758

Note: This is a media-only call.

WHO:

Mark Cowin, *director, Department of Water Resources*
Charlton H. Bonham, *director, Department of Fish and Wildlife*

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